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SUBJECT: ISRAEL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, JAN-JULY 1978

REF: TEL AVIV 8720

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS PRELIMINARY TOTALS FOR JANUARY-JULY EXPORTS (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

| | JAN-JULY 1977 | JAN-JULY 1978 | PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL | 1,677.8 | 2,145.6 | 27.9 |
| AGRICULTURAL | 263.3 | 314.4 | 19.4 |
| CITRUS | 146.4 | 153.4 | 4.8 |
| OTHER AG. | 116.9 | 161.0 | 37.7 |
| INDUSTRIAL & OTHER | 1,414.5 | 1,831.2 | 29.5 |
| FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO | 98.4 | 118.0 | 19.9 |
| TEXTILE, CLOTHING & LEATHER | 125.7 | 137.7 | 9.5 |
| WOOD, PAPER, PRINTING MISCELLANEOUS | 58.5 | 75.8 | 29.6 |
| MINES & NON-METALIC MINERALS | 45.4 | 55.9 | 23.1 |
| CHEMICALS, RUBBER & PLASTICS | 184.0 | 232.0 | 26.1 |
| METALS, MACHINERY & ELECTRONICS | 292.9 | 412.8 | 40.1 |
| POLISHED DIAMONDS (NET) | 584.0 | 769.1 | 31.7 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| OTHER EXPORTS | 25.6 | 29.9 | 16.8 |
| INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS EXCL. DIAMONDS | 830.5 | 1,062.1 | 27.9 |

2. COMMENT: EXPORTS IN JULY REBOUNCED FROM THE SLIGHT SLOWDOWN IN JUNE, BUT THE RATE OF GROWTH WAS STILL BELOW THE JANUARY-JULY AVERAGE. JULY EXPORTS OF $301 MILLION WERE 24.7

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PERCENT ABOVE JULY OF LAST YEAR. THE RISE WAS LED BY A 36.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN DIAMON EXPORTS. INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS EXCLUSING DIAMONDS WERE UP 20.7 PERCENT. THE DARK SPOT IN THE EXPORT PICTURE FOR BOTH JUNE AND JULY WAS THE SLOW RATE OF GROWTH IN THE EXPORTS OF METALS, MACHINERY, AND ELECTRONICS. ALTHOUGH THIS CATEGORY FOR JANUARY-JULY PERIOD STILL LEADS IN EXPORT GROWTH WITH 40.9 PERCENT, THE FIGURES FOR JUNE AND JULY OF 5 PERCENT AND 12 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY ARE QUIRE UNIMPRESSIVE.
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